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DAN RATHER: Staff investigators for the House Intelligence committee today heard closed-door testimony in the case of former CIA employees Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil. They are accused of supplying weapons and explosives to Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi and of recruiting active-duty and former Green Berets to train Qaddafi's soldiers. Wilson and Terpil, now both fugitives, are also believed to have recruited other CIA employees for their massive operations.

Gary Shepard has learned details of how this bizarre episode of the Green Berets stretched across three continents.

GARY SHEPARD: It began here at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in July of 1977. Master Sergeant Luke Thompson, then an active-duty Green Beret with a top secret clearance, received a phone call that changed his life.

LUKE THOMPSON: Early in the evening I was called by someone from Washington who said his name was Pat Loomis, and he asked me if I wanted -- if I was free to go abroad to negotiate a contract and make some big money.

SHEPARD: Patrie Loomis had been an undercover agent for the CIA -- that is, until April of 1977, three months before that phone call, when he and an associate were fired by then-CIA Director Stansfield Turner for, quote, performing services not authorized by the CIA. But Thompson says Loomis never told him that.

THOMPSON: His first remarks were, "My name is Pat Loomis. I'm currently employed by Central Intelligence Agency. I'm in the process of resigning. And I have just come out of